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To amend the requirements of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act for the labeling of food for pesticides, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. Waxman introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce

A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE AND REFERENCE.
- 4 (A) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
- 5 "Pesticide Safety and Right-to-Know Act of 1995".
- 6 (b) Reference.—Whenever in this Act an amend-
- 7 ment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment
- 8 to, or repeal of, a section or other provision, the reference
- 9 shall be considered to be made to a section or other provi-
- 10 sion of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.

1 SEC. 2. RIGHT TO KNOW PROVISIONS.

- 2 (a) New Label Requirement.—Section 403(q)(1)
- 3 (21 U.S.C. 343(q)(1)) is amended—
- 4 (1) by striking the period at the end of clause
- 5 (E) and inserting ", and", and
- 6 (2) by adding at the end the following:
- 7 "(F) if pesticides containing known or probable
- 8 human carcinogens have been applied to the food,
- 9 the following notice: "Notice: Pesticides Containing
- 10 Known or Probable Human Carcinogens Have Been
- 11 Applied to This Food.".
- 12 (b) Conforming Amendment.—Section 403(q)(4)
- 13 (21 U.S.C. 343(q)(4) is amended by inserting after
- 14 "1990" each place it appears the following: "or, in the
- 15 case of subparagraph (1)(F), the date of the enactment
- 16 of the Pesticide Safety and Right-to-Know Act of 1995".
- 17 (c) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
- 18 subsection (a) shall take effect upon the expiration of 18
- 19 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, except
- 20 that if a pesticide contains a substance that is designated
- 21 after such date as a known or probable human carcinogen,
- 22 such amendments shall, with respect to the label of food
- 23 to which such pesticide has been applied, take effect 12
- 24 months after such designation.

1 SEC. 3. PROTECTION OF CHILDREN.

- 2 Section 408 (21 U.S.C. 346a) is amended by adding
- 3 at the end the following:
- 4 "(p)(1) After 12 months after the date of the enact-
- 5 ment of the Pesticide Safety and Right-to-Know Act of
- 6 1995, the Administrator shall, before prescribing a toler-
- 7 ance for a pesticide chemical under this section, determine
- 8 in writing whether dietary exposure to the pesticide chemi-
- 9 cal under the tolerance being prescribed for the pesticide
- 10 chemical is reasonably anticipated to cause cancer, dam-
- 11 age to the developing neurological, immune, or reproduc-
- 12 tive systems, or other serious adverse health effects in any
- 13 child. The Administrator may not prescribe a tolerance for
- 14 a pesticide chemical if the Administrator determines that
- 15 dietary exposure to the pesticide chemical under such tol-
- 16 erance is reasonably anticipated to cause such effects in
- 17 any child.
- 18 "(2) In making a determination under subparagraph
- 19 (1), the Administrator shall implement the recommenda-
- 20 tions of the National Research Council in its 1993 report
- 21 entitled 'Pesticides in the Diet of Infants and Children'.".
- 22 SEC. 4. BREAST CANCER AND REPRODUCTIVE DISORDER
- 23 **PREVENTION.**
- Section 408 (21 U.S.C. 346a), as amended by section
- 25 3, is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(q) After 12 months after the date of the enactment 1 of the Pesticide Safety and Right-to-Know Act of 1995, the Administrator shall, before prescribing a tolerance for 3 a pesticide chemical under this section, determine in writ-4 ing whether dietary exposure to the pesticide chemical under the tolerance being prescribed for the pesticide chemical is reasonably anticipated to cause breast cancer or serious reproductive disorders in any person. The Ad-8 ministrator may not prescribe a tolerance for a pesticide chemical if the Administrator determines that dietary ex-10 posure to the pesticide chemical under such tolerance is reasonably anticipated to cause such effects in any 13 person.".

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